



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE05-036
Date Opened: 06/29/2005
Principal Investigator: Chris Lash
Subject: Engine Compartment Fires

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Products: 1999-2000 Dodge Stratus, Plymouth Breeze, Chrysler Cirrus
Population: 300,000 (estimate)

Problem Description: Engine compartment fire while driving or parked.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	27	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	27	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Engineer: Christopher Lash *CL*
Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt
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Summary: ODI has received 24 complaints of engine compartment fires occurring in the subject vehicles. Twenty-four of the fires were reported in the last 24 months and 18 of these were reported within the last year. Eleven fires were alleged to originate while the vehicle was being driven and thirteen allegedly began after the vehicle had been parked for several minutes.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the cause and frequency of engine compartment fires in the subject vehicle population.

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